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SUBJECT: TRADE INFORMATION FOR AMBASSADOR MALMGREN'S MEETING WITH  
CARIBBEAN TRADING PARTNERS

REF: (A) STATE 58238 , (B) GEORGETOWN 1341 OF 9/7/73

1. GUYANA'S POLICY VIS-A-VIS TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IS BASICALLY  
TO SPEAK THROUGH CARICOM, EXCEPT WHERE BILATERAL INTERESTS,  
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL, ARE OTHERWISE BETTER SERVED. DEPARTMENT  
ASSESSMENT IS CORRECT THAT CARICOM HAS NOT FORMULATED SPECIFIC  
POSITIONS ON MTN MATTERS, AT LEAST NONE THAT LOCAL SECRETARIAT  
HERE ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH US. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE IS  
BASED ON OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF TRADE OFFICIALS:

2.A(1). GUYANA DID NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO TOKYO IN 1973.  
NO DECISION YET ON FUTURE REPRESENTATION, ALTHOUGH IT  
IS LIKELY THAT ONE CARICOM COUNTRY WILL ATTEND ON BEHALF  
OF OTHERS.

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(2) GUYANA IS A MEMBER OF GATT

(3). NO, GUYANA BELIEVES IN THE DECLARATION OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS (OF DEVELOPING) AND DUTIES (OF DEVELOPED) NATIONS.

(4) AND (5). IF GUYANA WERE TO ATTEND MTN MEETING, A LIKELY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION IS U.S. NTB AGAINST RUM IMPORTS.

(6). GUYANA'S POSITION IS THAT OF AFRO-CARIBBEAN GROUP CURRENTLY BEFORE THE EEC.

(7). GUYANA IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN A SUGAR QUOTA ARRANGEMENT.

(8). GUYANA WILL ASSUME POSITIONS SIMILAR TO SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED GROUP, IN DENOUNCING MULTINATIONALS, CALLING FOR ASSURANCES OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, AND HIGHER PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS WITHOUT CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN PRICES OF FINISHED PRODUCTS.

2.(1). GUYANA, AND PRESUMABLY CARICOM WOULD OF COURSE LIKE TO RETAIN COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE ARRANGEMENT WITHOUT JEOPARDING ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP UNDER TRADE REFORM ACT. GUYANA IS OPPOSED TO DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS INsofar AS THEY RESTRICT RUM EXPORTS TO US. GUYANA WANTS ACCESS TO EEC MARKET FOR SUGAR BUT IS INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL OF OUTCOME OF CURRENT TALKS (REF B).

(2). NO MAJOR ISSUES TO BE RAISED WITH JAPAN.

(3). ONLY ONE OFFICIAL WHO MAKES DECISIONS-PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM. FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL WIELDS SOME INFLUENCE. SHERRY

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